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Leading education knight and day at The Cleveland Museum of Art

Lectures, tours and hands-on, family-friendly activities highlight CMA's Arms and Armor from Imperial Austria

CLEVELAND (DATE) – The Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) presents the arrival of ***Arms and Armor from Imperial Austria*** February 24, 2008 through June 1, 2008 at CMA. This exhibit showcases nearly 200 outstanding examples of arms and armor from the Habsburg arsenal in Graz, Austria. Those interested in providing a deeper meaning and a greater historical understanding of the purpose and function of arms and armor have an opportunity to deepen their knowledge through a series of lectures, tours and activities for the whole family. For more information or to register for courses below, contact the CMA Education Department at 216-707-2461 or visit www.cma.org.

Public Lecture Series

Join us for a series of public lectures presented by distinguished international speakers including CMA curator, Stephen Fliegel. Topics will range from an overview of the exhibition, the history of Austria and Styria during the 16th and 17th century, and imperial armors in the Rüstkammer in Vienna. Lectures will be presented in the CMA recital hall during March, April and May. **FREE**.

The Armory in Graz: Its Historical Meaning and Treasures
Dr. Leopold Toifl, curator, Landesmuseum Joanneum, Graz, Austria
Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Armour of the Imperial Court
Johannes Ramharter, P O N T E, Vienna, Austria
Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

The Forge of Vulcan: Arms, Armor and European Culture
Stephen Fliegel, curator of Medieval Art, The Cleveland Museum of Art
Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Imperial Armor in the Hofjgad- und Rüstkammer
Dr. Matthias Pfaffenbichler, curator, Hofjagd- und Rüstkammer Kunsthistorisches Museum, Neue Burg, Austria
Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Highlight Tours

Tuesday through Sunday at 1:30 p.m. beginning on March 4 and continuing until May 25. Several dates excluded, see Web site at www.cma.org or call 216-421-7340 for more information.

Lecture Course

This fee-based four part lecture series given by CMA curators and CWRU faculty will meet on four Tuesdays through April. Topics will include an overview of the technologies in armor making, the influence of regional printmaking techniques on armor, and imperial collecting.

Imperial Austria: Power, Patronage and Art
4 Tuesdays, April 8-29, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
$70, CMA members $56,; individual session tickets $25, CMA members $20.

- April 8: Habsburg Patronage, Catherine Scallen, CWRU
- April 15: Technological Development of Armor, Stephen Fliegel, CMA
- April 22: German Painting in the 16th and 17th Centuries, Virginia Brilliant, CWRU
- April 29: Durer's Prints in The Cleveland Museum of Art, Jane Glaubinger, CMA

Family Events

Families Learning Together "Call to Arms"
2 Sundays, March 2 & 9, 2008
2:00-3:30 pm

After viewing works in our galleries, families will try their hand at creating their own masterpieces. Open to ages 5 to 105. $15 per person. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Limit 20. Advance registration required. Materials included.

"Days of Knights" Family Day
Sunday, April 6, 2008
1:00-4:00 pm
FREE, Drop-in

Drop-in hands-on workshops for the whole family feature different collection-based art projects: "Good Knight!" and "Yours Truly." Family tour at 2:00 p.m. and more! FREE! We will also feature two talks by historian Paul Newman, who will describe the functions and care of a suit of armor, and demonstrate the complex process of actually putting one on using an authentic replica suit!

"Medieval Mania" Art Class
Ages 8-10
6 Saturdays, March 15 through April 26 (no class March 22)
Offered both mornings and afternoon: 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 1:00-2:30 p.m.
This art class will focus specifically on Arms, Armor, and Fine Art contained in the exhibition.

Arms and Armor Art Cart
Join us inside the exhibition for an exclusive chance to touch specially designated works of art and armor and learn about the ornament and craftsmanship that made these protective suits works of art.

March

- Sunday, March 2 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 5 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 16 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 26 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

April

- Wednesday, April 2 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 6 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 13 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 16 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 18 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 27 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 30 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

May

- Friday, May 9 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 11 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 14 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 25 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, contact the education department of CMA at 216-707-2461.

Arms and Armor from Imperial Austria has been organized from the collection of the Landeszeughaus arsenal in Graz. KeyBank is a supporting sponsor. Support for the educational programs has been made possible in part by a grant from Giant Eagle. The Ohio Arts Council helped fund this exhibition with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.

The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of America's leading comprehensive museums. Its permanent collection is world renowned for its quality and breadth, spanning 6,000 years. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and art acquisitions. The Cleveland Museum of Art receives operating support from the Ohio Arts Council through state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. For more information on the museum, its holdings, programs, services and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.

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